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extended statement of these studies than is contained in the brief footnotes; for it would have been not merely helpful to the householder and investigator as a source of information, but would have given them encouragement to join in further efforts to secure information.

The material added to the new edition consists chiefly of an enlarged bibliography and of a chapter on the conditions of domestic service in European countries. This chapter is of significance and value in showing that the general features of the problem are everywhere the same in spite of popular opinion to the contrary. Such differences as do exist rest on local customs which are rapidly tending toward uniformity in all parts of the world.

Intelligent public interest in the subject is steadily growing. This new edition of the standard work treating of it should find a welcome wherever thoughtful people are considering the best and most practicable influence to be set at work. It will also show that there is no permanent "solution" of the problem—a fact which many people need to be told.

MARION TALBOT.

L'Année Coloniale, Première Année, 1899. Paris: Librairie Charles Talandier.

THE *Colonial Annual* is planned to give an exact account each year of the condition of French colonies. Part I contains a series of papers by experts on colonial topics—among them being one on transportation in Madagascar, one on colonial budgets, and one on the recently established colonial office. Part II discusses each colony in detail, under the heads General Situation, Personnel, Political Situation, Economic Situation, Chief Administrative Acts, List of Publications. The appendix contains the text of the famous treaty of 1899 by which French and British territory in the African Soudan were delimited, and an interesting colonial bibliography for the year.

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